of reservation, was issued after consultation with political parties at the Center. Further consultations with the Chief Ministers of State Governments leaders of political parties would be held to evolve, if possible, a consensus on the question of determining the economic criteria referred to in the OM of 25.9.91.

Badhu Power Station In Rajasthan

542. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) since when the work for setting up Badhu power station has been in progress in Rajasthan and the location thereof;

(b) the target date fixed for starting power generation as per the original plan and the time by which the power generation is likely to commence and the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(c) the details of expenditure proposed to be incurred and likely to be incurred on these power stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Import of Newsprint.

543. SHRI RAMASH. RAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the STC has imported 29, 000 metric tonnes of glazed newsprint;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rate of newsprint now imported is cheaper than the newsprint imported previously;

(d) whether it is sufficient to meet the demand during the current financial year; and

(e) if not, the precautionary measures taken by the Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). according to the information furnished by State Trading Corporation, they had contracted for 29,000 MTs of glazed newsprint for the year 1991-92 out of which contract for 10,000 Mts has been cancelled.

(c) yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). The requirement of glazed newsprint is met subject to availability of foreign exchange.

Fencing of Indo-Pak and Indo Bangladesh Border

544. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be please to state:

(a) whether work of fencing on the Indo-pak border from Punjab to Gujarat has been completed;

(b) if not, the hurdles being faced in completing this work and the action being taken to remove the hurdles;

(c) whether there is a comprehensive plan of fencing the entire Indo-Bangladesh borders; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Plan Is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The task of fencing on the Indo-Pak border has been initially taken up on certain pre-seiected sensitive stretches in Punjab and Rajasthan. There is no proposal at present to fence the entire border. Work on this is continuing without any hurdles.

(c) and (d). Presently only sensitive stretches are being taken up for fencing.

[*Translation*]

Benefit of Development to Weaker Sections

*545. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the benefits of development are not percolating to weaker sections;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take some concrete measures so that benefits of development percolate to weaker sections; and

(c) if so, the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE(SHRI SITARAM KESRI) (a) to (c). Benefits of development are made available to the weaker sections under Central and Centrally sponsored Schemes of the Government of India and state Plan Schemes.

Reduction in Quota of Imported Newsprint.

546. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to reduce the quota of imported news print for various newspapers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to fultil the domestic demand; and

(c) the total quantity of newsprint imported for the year 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFPORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State Trading Corporation has informed that they have contracted a quantity of 1.61 lakh MTs of newsprint during the year, in addition to brought forward contracts of the order of 0.62 lakh MTs.

[*English*]

Villages Electrified in Madhya Pradesh

547. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the time by which the rest of the villages are likely to be electrified; and

(c) the details of the allocations likely to be made during the Eighth five year plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES(SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available infor-